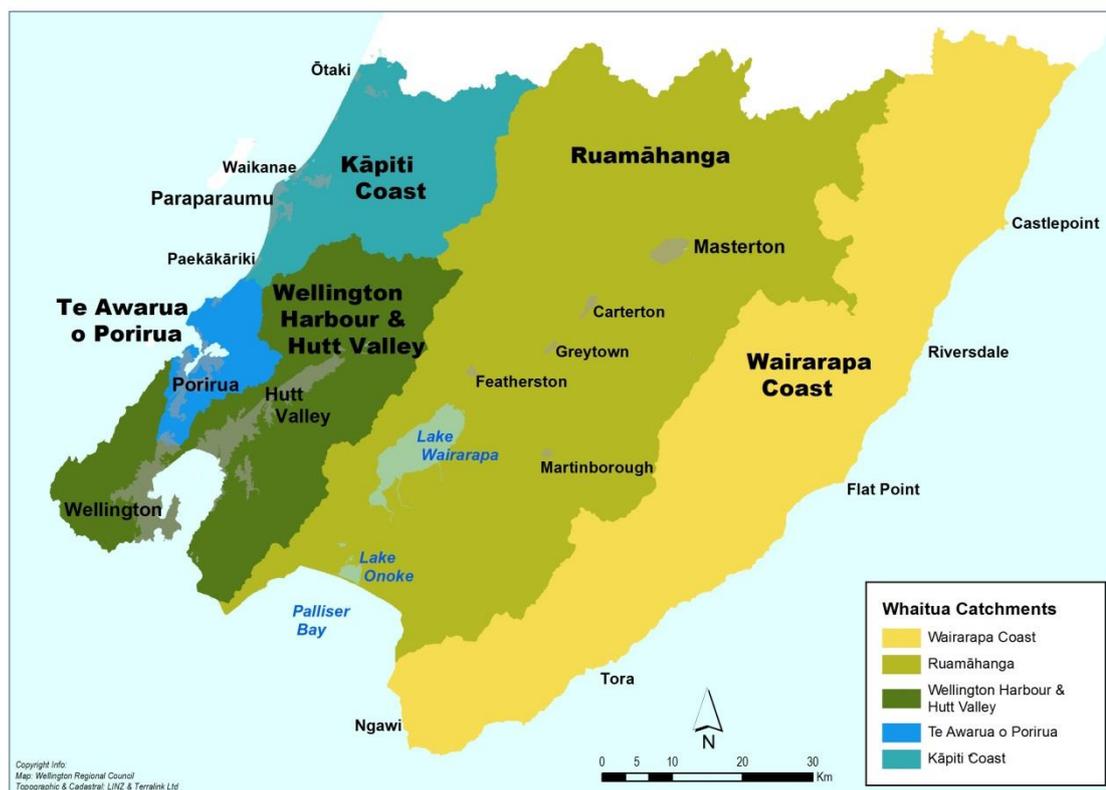


Terms of Reference for 2019-2022 Triennium

Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee

‘Whaitua’ is a traditional Te Reo Māori term for a designated area. The Regional Plan utilises the word ‘whaitua’ to describe a catchment or sub-catchment (zone) managed as an integrated system. The area of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee (the Whaitua Committee) is shown on the map below:



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1 Purpose and function

1.1 To facilitate community and stakeholder engagement in the development of a Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP). A WIP is a non-statutory report to Council that will contain recommendations for specific plan provisions and work programmes for the integrated management of land and water resources within the whaitua boundary. The WIP may contain both regulatory and non-regulatory proposals.

1.2 The Whaitua Committee will operate in partnership with mana whenua and develop recommendations guided by the five principles created as part of the Regional Plan Review process:

- Ki uta ki tai – interconnectedness
- Wairuatanga – identity
- Kaitiakitanga – guardianship
- To matou whakapono – judgement based on knowledge
- Mahitahi – partnership (co-operative).

2 Status of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee

The Whaitua Committee is an advisory body established by Council. The Whaitua Committee is not a subordinate decision-making body of Council and is not a committee under the Local Government Act 2002.

3 Specific responsibilities

3.1 Develop a WIP that will outline regulatory and non-regulatory proposals for integrated land and water management within their whaitua boundary, including measures to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

3.2 Include in this WIP:

- a An assessment of region wide objectives contained in the proposed or operative regional plan, as they relate to the whaitua
- b Specific whaitua objectives for water quality and quantity outcomes
- c Discharge limits, including for sediment, nutrients and other contaminants if appropriate, including setting timeframes and priorities, and management methods, to achieve freshwater and coastal objectives
- d An assessment of, and recommendations to alter, existing water allocation limits, to achieve identified objectives for the whaitua
- e Identification of mana whenua values and interests in the harbour and fresh water, and how these might be reflected in the regional plan
- f Programmes or activities that will support or contribute to the achievement of the established objectives for water quality and quantity outcomes, including such tools as environmental accords and post-settlement arrangements and,
- g Opportunities for the active integration of existing programmes and plans to achieve the objectives and targets for water quality and quantity outcomes.

3.3 Consider, in developing the WIP, the following:

- a Identification of the land and water issues, challenges, and opportunities for the whaitua
- b Identification of a vision of the future of land and water management for the whaitua
- c Management of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure
- d Management of urban development
- e Interactions between groundwater and surface water, fresh water, land use and coastal environments.

- 4 3.4 Work within the ambit of the following (when developing objectives, targets, limits and activity programmes):
 - a Resource Management Act 1991
 - b New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010
 - c National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2017
 - d Regional Policy Statement 2013
 - e National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water 2007
 - f Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941
 - g Local Government Act 2002
 - h Any other document referred to the Committee by Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee, the Environment Committee, or the General Manager, Environment Management.
- 5 3.5 Recommend to Council that regulatory proposals within the WIP be referred to Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee for incorporation into the Regional Plan through a plan change process.
- 6 3.6 Recommend to Council that the non-regulatory proposals within the WIP be further developed within Greater Wellington and in conjunction with relevant external organisations. These proposals will also be considered in the development of Council’s next Long Term Plan.

4 Council consideration of proposals in the WIP

- 4.1 Council is responsible for reviewing and approving regulatory proposals in the WIP, including ensuring consistency with relevant statutory requirements.
- 4.2 Council will, in conjunction with relevant external organisations (including local and iwi authorities), consider non-regulatory options put forward in the WIP
- 4.3 If Council is not prepared to accept any specific elements of the regulatory proposals within the WIP, Council will refer those specific elements back to the Waitua Committee for its further consideration.

5 Members

- 6.1 Council shall appoint:
 - 7 a Two Councillors
 - 8 b Two non-Councillor members of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee to act as a voice for that committee
 - 9 c One member nominated by each iwi authority whose rohe falls entirely or partly within the waitua boundary, to represent the interests of that mana whenua group

- 10 d One elected member of each territorial authority operating within the whitua boundary (being Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council), nominated by that territorial authority
 - 11 e Up to eight community members from a range of backgrounds and interests related to land and water management within the community, and a commitment to achieving consensus decision making. Council may approve additional members if it determines these are needed to ensure appropriate balance.
- 5.2 In determining the composition of the community members of the Whitua Committee, consideration shall be given to balancing the following land and water management values:
- a Indigenous biodiversity/environmental values
 - b Mana whenua values
 - c Recreational values
 - d Wider economic development interests
 - e Urban ratepayer interests
 - f Mātāwaka interests
 - g General community interests
 - h Incorporating existing structures/programmes and how they will be represented
 - i Infrastructure interests
 - j Commercial interests.
- 5.3 To be eligible for appointment to a Whitua Committee, a community nominee must either live in, or be able to demonstrate a close connection with, the whitua.
- 5.4 Each community member must also reflect the interests of a wider group within the community and have the skills, experience and knowledge to relay information between the Whitua Committee and the community.

6 Staff eligibility

Greater Wellington officers cannot be Whitua Committee members.

7 Co-Chairs

- 7.1 Once all members are appointed, the Whitua Committee shall appoint two Co-Chairs:
- a One from the mana whenua members
 - b One from the community members.

8 Quorum

At least 50 percent of the members.

9 Alternate members

No alternate members/proxies are permitted.

10 Committee meetings and workshops

10.1 The Whaitua Committee will meet around ten times a year for a full day, with workshops and additional meetings as required. At times, the workload will be significantly higher.

10.2 The Whaitua Committee will engage regularly with the wider community. This is a significant time commitment, in addition to the meetings and workshops.

11 Reporting

The Whaitua Committee will update, at least quarterly, both the Environment Committee and Te Upoko Taiao - Natural Resources Plan Committee on its work.

12 Consensus

Decisions on the recommendations proposed within the WIP are made by consensus.

13 Remuneration

13.1 Elected members' remuneration and expenses for participating in the Whaitua Committee are met by the council they represent.

13.2 All non-elected members are eligible to receive:

- a Greater Wellington's standard mileage allowances or reimbursement of travel expenses
- b An annual taxable honorarium, as follows:
 - i Member (excluding the Chair) - \$10,000 each
 - ii Co-Chair (only if the Co-Chair is a non-Councillor member) - \$15,000 each.

14 Duration of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee

The Whaitua Committee exists for the duration of the development and completion of the WIP, and ceases to exist when Council has made decisions on regulatory proposals within the WIP.